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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the control of aquatic invasive species in
2 the waters of this state and including a study and report
3 and including effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 462A.52, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2013,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, any increase in revenues
4 received on or after July 1, 2007, ~~but on or before June 30,~~
5 ~~2013,~~ pursuant to this section as a result of fee increases
6 pursuant to 2005 Iowa Acts, ch. 137, shall be used by the
7 commission only for the administration and enforcement of
8 programs to control aquatic invasive species and for the
9 administration and enforcement of navigation laws and water
10 safety ~~upon the inland waters of this state~~ and shall be used
11 in addition to funds already being expended by the commission
12 each year for these purposes. The commission shall not reduce
13 the amount of other funds being expended on an annual basis for
14 these purposes as of July 1, 2005, ~~during the period of the~~
15 ~~appropriation provided for in this subsection.~~

16 3. The commission shall submit a written report to the
17 general assembly ~~by December 31, 2007, and by December 31 of~~
18 ~~each year thereafter through December 31, 2013,~~ summarizing the
19 activities of the department in administering and enforcing
20 programs to control aquatic invasive species and administering
21 and enforcing navigation laws and water safety ~~upon the inland~~
22 ~~waters of the state.~~ The report shall include information
23 concerning the amount of revenues collected pursuant to this
24 section as a result of fee increases pursuant to 2005 Iowa
25 Acts, ch. 137, and how the revenues were expended. The report
26 shall also include information concerning the amount and source
27 of all other funds expended by the commission during the year
28 for the purposes of administering and enforcing programs
29 to control aquatic invasive species and administering and
30 enforcing navigation laws and water safety ~~upon the inland~~
31 ~~waters of the state~~ and how the funds were expended.

32 Sec. 2. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES STUDY AND REPORT.

33 1. The natural resource commission shall conduct a study
34 of the presence of aquatic invasive species in the state's
35 lakes and rivers including but not limited to zebra mussels,

1 Eurasian milfoil, and Asian carp with a particular emphasis on
2 the status of Asian carp populations in the Iowa great lakes
3 and the Little Sioux river watershed.

2. The study shall describe monitoring efforts by the department of natural resources of all aquatic invasive species in the state's waters; describe efforts by the department to manage and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in the state; include information on the life history of Asian carp and the possible impacts of their presence in the state's lakes and rivers; and consider strategies to manage and prevent the spread of Asian carp populations in Iowa, particularly in the Iowa great lakes, as well as throughout the midwest.

13 3. The commission shall submit its findings in a written
14 report to the general assembly by December 31, 2013. This
15 report may be included as part of the written report submitted
16 to the general assembly by the commission on December 31 each
17 year pursuant to section 462A.52, subsection 3.

18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
19 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

EXPLANATION

21 This bill relates to the control of aquatic invasive
22 species in the waters of this state. The bill strikes a sunset
23 provision to allow a 2005 increase in boat registration fees
24 to continue to be used for the administration and enforcement
25 of programs to control aquatic invasive species and for the
26 administration and enforcement of navigation laws and water
27 safety beyond 2013. The bill also provides that the provisions
28 apply to rivers as well as inland waters of the state.

29 The bill requires the natural resource commission to conduct
30 a study on the presence of aquatic invasive species in the
31 state's lakes and rivers including but not limited to zebra
32 mussels, Eurasian milfoil, and Asian carp with a particular
33 emphasis on the status of Asian carp populations in the Iowa
34 great lakes and the Little Sioux river watershed. The study
35 is to include monitoring, management, and prevention efforts

1 being undertaken by the department of natural resources with
2 respect to aquatic invasive species and information about Asian
3 carp including impacts of their presence in the state's lakes
4 and rivers as well as strategies to manage and prevent their
5 spread, particularly in the Iowa great lakes and throughout the
6 midwest.

7 The commission shall submit its findings in a written report
8 to the general assembly by December 31, 2013. The report can
9 be included in the annual report submitted by the commission to
10 the general assembly each December 31 pursuant to Code section
11 462A.52(3), which outlines the yearly expenditures of the boat
12 registration increases enacted in 2005.

13 The bill takes effect upon enactment.